
February 11th, 2018 9:30 am

Transfiguration Sunday

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Art by
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Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number .We are delighted to have you.

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.
Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency. The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder's actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.

**–ORDER OF WORSHIP –
ELW SETTING 3**

PRELUDE

(A time for prayer and reflection)

Karen Niemeier

Announcements & Community Concerns

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations,
who gives breath to us all.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Loving God,

**C: we confess that we have turned from your way
to follow our own ways.**

**Forgive us for the times
we have spoken or acted too quickly;
we have not spoken or acted at all;
we have hurt those closest to us;
we have hurt those we have yet to know;
we have thought more about ourselves than others;
we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.
Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,
so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.
God's love never runs out.

God never tires of calling us beloved children.

Hear God say to you now:

Your sins are forgiven,
for the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW#671

Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



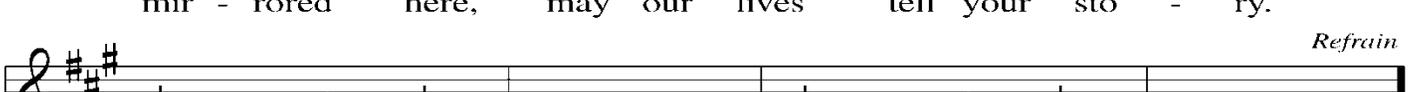
1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

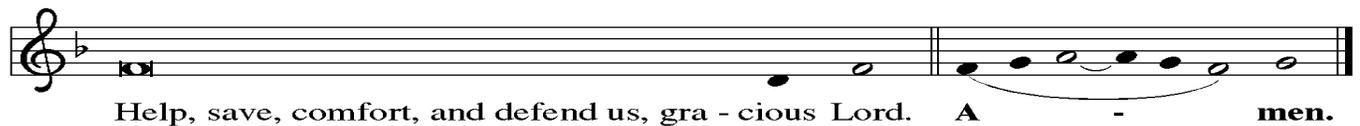
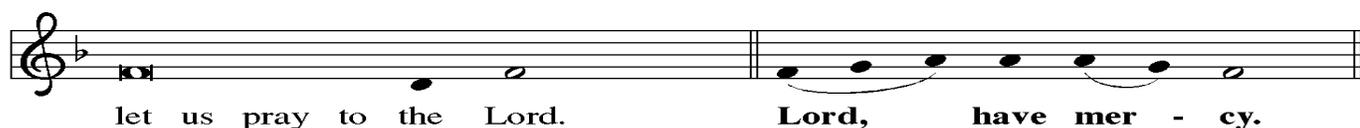
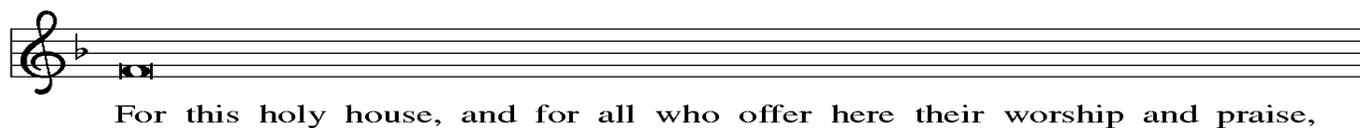
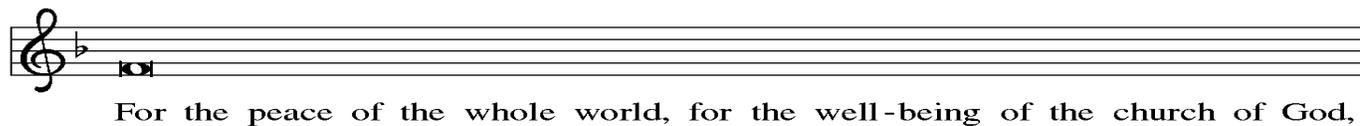
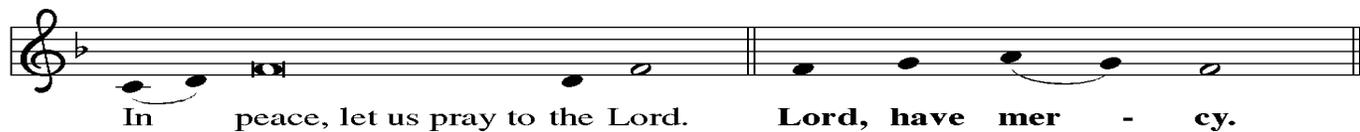


Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

Refrain

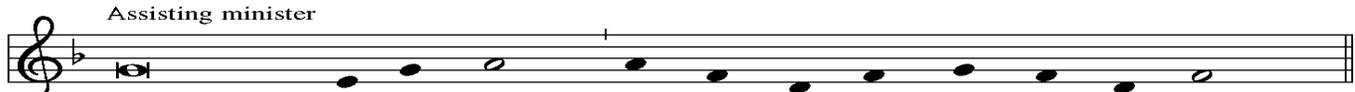
GREETING P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

KYRIE (Assisting Minister: regular print, C: bold print)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. **C:** Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

L: The 1st READING is from 2 Kings 2:1-12

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” ⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” ⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:1-6 (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#50**

¹The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.**

³Our God will come and will not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people.**

⁵“Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

⁶**The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause, for it is God who is judge.**

L: The 2nd READING is from 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Please stand as you are able*)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Mark 9:2-9 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

P: The gospel of the Lord! **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

Please be seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

SERMON

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY

Beautiful Savior

ELW#838

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in the flow'rs of bloom - ing
 bright the spar - kling stars on
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 high;

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

CREED (from the explanation of Luther's Small Catechism) *Please Stand*

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith through Luther's Small Catechism.

P: The Second Article: *On Redemption*

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also a true human being, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being. He has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition: WA: let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. *A brief silence*

WA: For the ministry of the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for congregations in Lena and in northern Illinois, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

WA: For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, seas and skies, and creatures seen and unseen, that all may be guided by your Holy Spirit to be stewards of our earth, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

WA: For firefighters and police officers, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and corporate executives, and leaders of governments, that through their insight and patience, peace and justice prevail throughout the world, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit *especially Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Verl Price, Ethel Lobdell, Tena Rackow, Susie Gordon, Richard Rutter, Leona Block, Donna Euler, Carol Stubbs, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Millie Anderson, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Jon Forsythe, Elsie Meier, Meghan, Sharon, Lucy, Sharon Peska, Tom Pye, Mimsy Pye and Sharon.* that as Christ was transfigured on the mountaintop, sickness will be turned into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into assurance. Strengthen and encourage *Lois Paulsen and Carol Wybourn,* let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For companions who accompany us on our journeys through life, for this community of faith that supports us, and for guidance during difficult times, that we see the glory of God revealed around us, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage, that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our days, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

Pastor: Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you

OFFERING*“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”***Choir Anthem**

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord’s service and dedicate our lives to God’s work in the world.

Please stand

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray, **C:** Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION**LORD'S PRAYER**

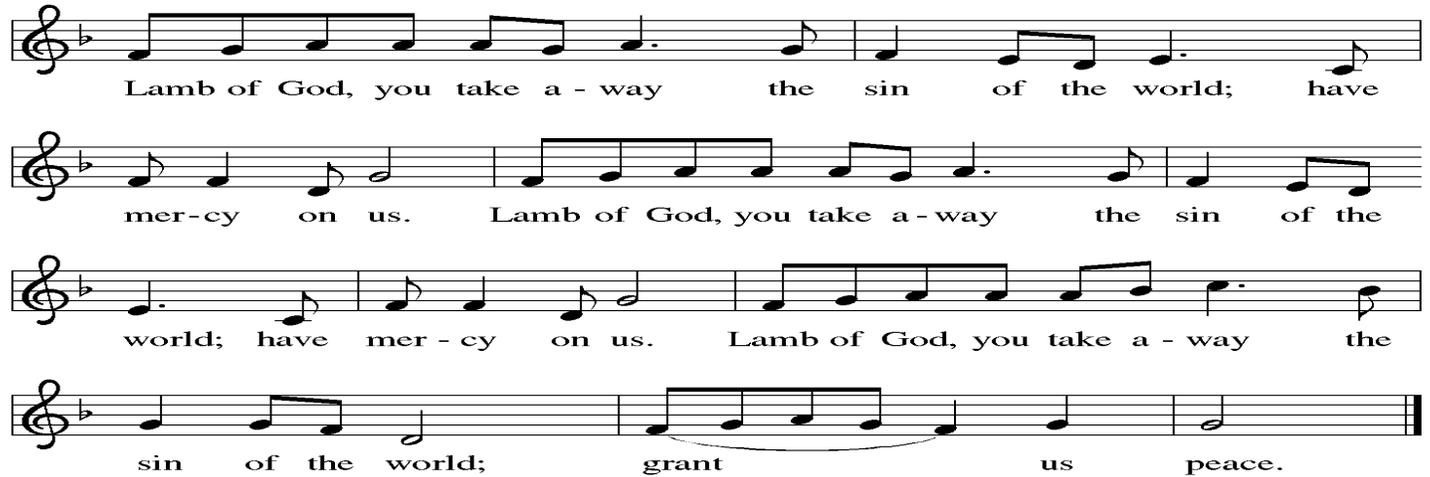
P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
 As we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We practice open Communion —Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction. Please dip the bread into the chalice. The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle, and returned to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.

**LAMB OF GOD**



 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG**We Come to the Hungry Feast****ELW#479**

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| <p>1 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied
the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.</p> | <p>2 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a world released
from hungry people of ev'ry kind,
the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.</p> |
| | <p>3 We come to the hungry feast
hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill,
the hunger will stay with us; still
we come, we come to the hungry feast.</p> |

POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION A: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. **C: Amen.**

BLESSING P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN We Are Marching in the Light (...dancing... praying...singing) **ELW #866**

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
 We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching (marching, we are marching,) oo
 we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching) oo
 We are marching in the light of God.

We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God.
 We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God.

We are dancing (dancing, we are dancing,) oo
 we are dancing in the light of God.

We are dancing, (dancing we are dancing,) oo
 We are dancing in the light of God.

We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God.
 We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God.

We are praying (praying, we are praying,) oo
 we are praying in the light of God.

We are praying, (praying we are praying,) oo
 We are praying in the light of God.

We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God.
 We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God.

We are singing (singing, we are singing,) oo
 we are singing in the light of God.

We are singing, (singing we are singing) oo
 We are singing in the light of God.

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

POSTLUDE

C: Thanks be to God.

Karen Niemeier

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Pastor Miho Yasukawa Missionaries to Tanzania: Randy & Carol Stubbs Family
Pianists: Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier Choir Dir. /accomp: Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr
Lector: Kristy Patterson Acolyte: Madilyn Diddens Assisting Minister: Jay Andrews
Worship Assistant: Sheila Keene Communion Usher: Jim Swain, Andrew Martin
Communion Set-up Vivian Hesselbacher Communion Asst: Beth Martin, Dennis Luke
Elevator Operator: Krista Keene, Troy Keene Sound System: Wayne Kurth, Hanna Brinker
Greeters: Troy, Sheila and Krista Keene, Virgil and Joanne Martin
Ushers: Paul and Shirley Fox, Jim Swain, Andrew Martin

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**February 11th thru February 18th, 2018**

Today	Worship Service Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Tuesday	Hymn Sing Lena Living Center	9:45 am
	Pastor Miho Text Study	2:00 pm
	Council Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	Lenten Lunch at Lena UMC church Hosted by McConnell Churches	12:00 pm
	Ash Wednesday Worship Service	7:00 pm
Thursday	Good Shepherd at Friendship Center Devotions & Dessert	1:30 pm
Next Sunday	1st Sunday of Lent Worship Service-Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm

Attendance February 4th was 34

Total Offering 02/04/2018- \$2,034.00 Amount Needed \$2,662.13

Ash Wednesday Service

Please join us Ash Wednesday, February 14th for a joint worship service with Lena UMC, at 7:00pm at Good Shepherd. The service includes distribution of ashes, prayer, confession, scripture readings, a brief message, and communion.

Updates on the Stubbs Family

See the bulletin board for an updated newsletter from the Stubbs’ family and you can also link to the Caring Bridge page for updates on Carol Stubbs at <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/love4carolstubbs>

Copy of the Sermon is Available

If you would like a copy of the sermon, please talk to the ushers or Pr. Miho.

Devotions for Lent Booklets

We have two Lenten devotion for this year. You Are the Way is a daily devotion which explores “I am” statements in the Gospel of John. Another one is Faces of Christ which explores Christ in global perspectives. Both are available at all entrances.

Good Shepherd Wednesday Evening Lent Services

This year's mid-week Lenten service will be using Into the Wild: A Lenten Liturgy and Intergenerational Study on Hunger by ELCA World Hunger. We will explore wilderness in our places and hear that God walks with us in the wild. Supper starts at 5:30pm and service starts at 6:30pm. People in every age and every walks in life are welcome to join the Lenten journey.

2018 Lena Lenten Lunch

Soup and sandwich lunch starts at noon followed by a short devotion,
Theme is "Seven Signs of Jesus in the Gospel of John."

Feb 14th - Grace Free Methodist Church & McConnell UMC (Hosted at Lena UMC)

Feb 21st - Good Shepherd

Feb 28th - Lena UMC

March 7th - St. Joseph's Catholic

March 14th - Lena EV Free

March 21st - St. John's

March 28th - Salem UCC & Beloved (Hosted at Lena UMC)